

Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: supplement to the protocol for the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	PECH Fisheries		Appointed 23/11/1995
			UPE GIRÃO PEREIRA José
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	BUDG Budgets		Appointed 28/02/1996
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Council of the European Union	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
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	Agriculture and Fisheries		1940
	Fisheries		1935
	Agriculture and Fisheries		1908
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Key events			
10/01/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0726	Summary
16/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/04/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
23/04/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0120/1996	
24/05/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0300/1996	Summary
25/06/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
25/06/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0005(CNS)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/07609

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Legislative proposal		COM(1995)0726	10/01/1996	EC	Summary
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 1996/1258 OJ L 163 02.07.1996, p. 0007 Summary

EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: supplement to the protocol for the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996

- OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a Supplement to the Protocol laying down the technical and financial conditions for the fishing activities of Community vessels in Mauritanian waters in the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996. - SUBSTANCE: Pursuant to Article 3 of the EC-Mauritania fisheries Protocol, which allows further fishing opportunities to be afforded to the Community in Mauritanian waters, the above-mentioned Supplement established fishing opportunities for not more than 18 Spanish cephalopod fishing vessels. The specific figure was 5 250 GRT per month, based on an annual average, and the permitted range of variation was 5% above or below that figure. In the event of any overrun, without exceeding the 5% maximum, shipowners would have had to pay fees for the additional GRT. If the licence applications for Spanish vessels had fallen short of the fishing opportunities provided for in the Protocol, other Member States could have applied for licences to use up the remainder. In return, Mauritania was granted financial compensation of ECU 7 259 000, out of which total it was called upon to use: . ECU 350 000 to finance scientific and technical programmes to improve understanding of Mauritanian fishery resources; . ECU 150 000 to fund practical training for Mauritanian fishermen. The Community accordingly undertook to assist Mauritanian nationals in finding places in establishments in Member States. (It was also permitted to earmark this latter amount to finance expenditure connected with international meetings on fisheries). ?

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The Committee adopted the report by Mr GIRA O PEREIRA. The supplement to the existing protocol was negotiated as result of the unilateral termination by Morocco of the 1992 fisheries agreement with that country and the hardship that this action caused in particular for Spanish fishermen. The new agreement allows for the transfer of 18 Spanish vessels from Moroccan to Mauritanian waters and a total financial compensation of 7 259 000 ECU. Members also adopted the customary amendment to the Commission proposal calling for a report to be made to Parliament following the expiry of the agreement. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr GIRAO PEREIRA (UPE, P), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: - it pointed out that, in accordance with the interinstitutional agreement of 29 October 1993 on budgetary discipline, expenditure relating to the fisheries protocols was non-compulsory, and - pursuant to the fisheries agreement, a report should be submitted to the Council and to the EP on the utilisation of fishing opportunities and the conditions for application of the agreement. ?

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The Council adopted the Decision on the conclusion of the agreement.

EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: supplement to the protocol for the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996

OBJECTIVE: Conclusion of a supplement to the fisheries Protocol laying down the technical and financial terms for the fisheries activities of Community vessels off the coast of Mauritania for the period 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation EC No 1258/96 on the conclusion of the Supplement to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on fishing off the coast of Mauritania for the period 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996. SUBSTANCE: Under Article 3 of the Protocol to the EC-Mauritania Agreement on Fisheries setting out further fishing possibilities granted to the Community off the coast of Mauritania, this Supplement to the fisheries Protocol grants fishing opportunities to not more than 18 Spanish cephalopod fishing vessels, 5 250 GRT/month annual average, which may vary by a margin of 5% above or below that figure. Should the figure be exceeded within the 5% limit the shipowners are to pay the fees for the additional GRT. Should applications for licences lodged by Spain not exhaust the fishing opportunities set out in the Supplement Protocol, other Member States may make applications in proportion to the remaining fisheries opportunities. In exchange, Mauritania will be paid a financial compensation of ECU 7 259 000, from which it may allocate: . ECU 350 000 towards the financing of scientific and technical programmes to improve biological and fishery resource information as regards the Mauritanian fishing zone; . ECU 150 000 for the practical training of Mauritanian fishermen. To this end, the Community will make it easier for nationals of Mauritania to find places in establishments in its Member States (this amount may also be allocated to cover the costs of participating in international meetings on fisheries). - ENTRY INTO FORCE: The supplement to the Protocol will enter into force on the date on which it is signed. It will apply with effect from 15 November 1995. ?